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Choosing a Photographer:

I would like to offer a few possibly helpful suggestions when choosing wedding photographers. I only offer this due to the fact that I hear all too many wedding horror stories and wish to hear less... not to mention that I have learned from my own experiences! There is so much to planning and business in preparing for a wedding that it is easy to overlook small details that many aren't even aware of. Some things I would suggest strongly in looking at photographers are:

1. Ask for the photographer's prior wedding experience, a resume', and/ or referrals from prior clients.
2. Get a contract to protect both parties- you and the photographer! Read it carefully before you sign it.
3. Make sure you see sample prints, a website or something of prior wedding photography.
4. Make sure the photographer is using all professional equipment, professional films (unless using digital), and professional labs for processing and printing. Some try to skimp by here or there to lower prices or gain in profits. This can make all the difference.
5. If they are shooting digitally ask if, how and when the files are backed up. Ask about print size availability as to find out how good the quality of capture is. Ask how much experience they have in digital photography.
6. Ask if the photographer has and brings back up cameras, lenses, lighting, batteries and other equipment to weddings. You'd be surprised how many don't! It is easy to drop or knock a camera and they are finicky in rainy, humid or cold weather.
7. Ask if the photographer has associates or a credible replacement photographer in the case of an emergency or in the event that they cannot make it to your wedding for some reason. If the photographer cancels, do you want to be running around last minute trying to find a replacement? Make sure they are willing to provide you with a back up.

I can't think of anything else but I have no hard feelings if you go with another photographer so don't hesitate to ask me what I think if you have questions or want a second opinion later. Also, if you are deciding on working with another photographer, please let me know your reasons so I can possibly serve you or others better at a later date.